

For Immediate Release

Contact: Ted Fisher Town of East Hartford Phone: 860-291-7202 tfisher@easthartfordct.gov

Mayor Marcia Leclerc Congratulates East Hartford Police Department, High School Band on St. Patrick's Day Parade Wins

(March 16, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia Leclerc wishes to extend her congratulations to the East Hartford Police Department and the East Hartford High School Band, for winning best police department and best high school band at the Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This is the second win in a row for the East Hartford Police Department. The delegation included the Honor Guard, Motorcycle Detachment, a cruiser, the chief and command staff, and 30 officers, including three K-9 officers.

"I am glad to extend my warmest congratulations to the fine men and women of our Police Department," **Mayor Leclerc** said. "The East Hartford Police delegation won last year as well and a second consecutive win is clearly a credit to their spirit and professionalism. I am looking forward to next year, where I am sure we'll do very well again."

The East Hartford High School Band also won Best High School Band, performing "Danny Boy", "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and the Notre Dame fight song. The band has a proud tradition of winning their category, having won every year except one since 2005. The band marched for the first time in brand new uniforms provided by the town, and the town delegation wore carnations presented by way of thanks.

"It is great to see that the East Hartford High School Band is continuing its winning tradition," **Mayor Leclerc** said. "They looked great in their new uniforms, and the music was great too."

Delegations participating in the contest present themselves before the reviewing stand, and may include a performance no longer than 3 minutes in length. They are scored on their appearance and formation as well as any performance, vehicle, or float.

[Please see enclosed media]

###